

**City Council Meeting**

**August 11, 2025**

Easley City Council met for its regular meeting on August 11,2025, at 7:00pm in the court room of the LEC. All the members were present. The press was notified of the meeting by email. The agenda was posted on the city’s website and in the lobby of City Hall. Jennifer Bradley, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Talbert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The invocation was given by Parks and Recreation Director, Christman Short, and was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved as written.

**Report from Council:**

**Ward 6:** Happy Birthday to Mother Mary on August 23rd. Best wishes to all candidates for public office. Ethical considerations are meant to be used as a shield and not a sword is a common phrase at work, and he feels ones that he knows of are just wrong.

**Ward 5:** Was selected for Jury duty and the process was as painless as possible. I appreciate court administration for that.

**Ward 4:** Attended first responder prayer this past Saturday and prayed with others for first responders and their families. Encourages all to pray for the first responders.

**Ward 3:** Was asked by a neighbor why the developers aren’t held to the same standards as homeowners. A complaint was made and the developer only weed-eated around some areas and agrees that she also doesn’t understand why the developers aren’t held to the same standards as homeowners who are already here.

**Ward 2:** Department reports showed the hard work of all the different departments within the city. Watch the video.

**Ward 1:** Only knows of three people not happy with the way he is doing. Upstate Warrior Solutions in Greenville inducted Officer Matthew Hare last week and it was a terrific presentation and very well attended.

**Mayor’s Message:** Huge thank you to city employees for the success of the Senior League World Series. Council continues to give input on the proposed UDO. Looking forward to working with schools, teachers, and students to make sure they feel included. Fall season will be packed with fun and exciting events.

**Updates on City Activity:** Tom Couch, City Administrator, gave details on applications are being accepted for A-tax funds and there are two openings for the A-tax committee members.

**Community Announcements:** Bob Fedder announced annual fundraiser at the Easley Museum. The event will be held on Oct 23rd from 6-9pm at the Easley Museum with special art exhibit by Judy Young. $50 donation per person.

**Citizens wishing to address City Council:**

Kim Valentin with Pickens County Meals on Wheels will be opening their third senior center at Easley YMCA. Will be hosting an opening day event on August 28th at 11am. Membership is only $25 per person/$35 per couple annually.

Alma Ferguson thanked everyone for their work at historic Mauldin Cemetery. Lines down on Zion Street were addressed and appreciate that that was finally taken care of. House on Wilber Street has a line across the lot.

Lisa Bourean spoke on behalf of Shine soup kitchen which feeds homeless people in our area. They serve around 200 meals per day. Gave a list of food items needed for donations. Owner is not renewing the lease, and the organization is looking for a new location if anyone knows of somewhere.

Ginny McJunkin applauded the Council for tabling the Acceptable Use Policy last month. Hopes if it comes back to the table that it has a massive rewrite not infringing on First Amendment rights.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ordinance Second Reading: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS: First Reading:**

1. Ordinance 2025-07 to rezone approximately 0.844 acres of real property located at 715 N. A Street from Neighborhood Commercial to Residential 7.5 zoning. Councilman Tom O’Shields made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilman Jim Robinson. Councilwoman Denise Davidson agrees that it is a concern of hers with traffic after reviewing the Planning Commission minutes where Mr. Wright raised the concern. Councilwoman Donna Rainey said the properties will have shared driveways and that there are a good number of residential properties surrounding and she has no problem with voting in favor. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote. Mayor Talbert, Councilmembers O’Shields, Rainey, Jones, Alexander, and Robinson were in favor. Councilwoman Davidson was opposed.
2. Ordinance 2025-08 to adopt a revised business license ordinance in accordance with the Business License Standardization Act. Councilwoman Denise Davidson made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilwoman Donna Rainey. Councilwoman Denise Davidson asked for clarification that this is required, and Tom Couch explained that it is required every two years and must be passed by the end of the calendar year. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.
3. Ordinance 2025-09 authorizing the conveyance of an easement across the Doodle Trail. Councilwoman Denise Davidson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Tom O’Shields. City Administrator Tom Couch explained that the owners are asking for the easement that has been in use to be recorded for the estate. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.
4. Ordinance 2025-10 authorizing the conveyance of a right-of-way maintenance agreement with Doodle Trail Properties. Councilwoman Denise Davidson made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilman Tom O’Shields. Tom Couch explained that this is a maintenance agreement allowing Doodle Trail Properties, LLC to maintain the property at their driveway area with landscaping and beautification. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

**NEW RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A. Resolution 2025-13 to accept certain roads from Meadow Ridge Homeowners Association into the City of Easley roads network. Councilman Tom O’Shields made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilwoman Denise Davidson. Motion carried with a 5-2 vote. Mayor Talbert, Councilmembers O’Shields, Davidson, Jones, and Robinson were in favor. Councilmembers Rainey and Alexander were opposed.

With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Denise Davidson, seconded by Councilman Tom O’Shields.

The meeting concluded at 7:31pm.

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 Mayor Lisa Talbert

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Jennifer Bradley

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